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State Board to Meet December 7 & 8 by Audio Conference

JUNEAU -- The State Board of Education and Early Development will meet on December 7 and 8 by audio conference, originating in the first-floor board room at 801 West 10th Street in Juneau. The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. on December 7 and 8:30 a.m. on December 8. The board's meeting packet is available [here](https://education.alaska.gov/State_Board/pdf/17-December-Packet.pdf) (https://education.alaska.gov/State_Board/pdf/17-December-Packet.pdf).

The purpose of the meeting is to hold a work session and a business meeting. Topics at the work session include Alaska's Education Challenge, an executive session to discuss the selection of the student advisor to the board, the annual board report to the legislature, an update on board bylaw changes, a proposed regulation regarding a world languages limited certificate, adoption of proposed regulations regarding Praxis II content area exams and guidelines for inclusion of students with disabilities and English learners in statewide assessments, and a review of Mt. Edgecumbe High School's curriculum.

Topics at the business meeting include the regulations noted above, standing reports on the department's divisions, the commissioner's report, approval of the minutes from the September 14 & 15, October 5, and November 2, 2017 meetings, and approval of the Alaska's Education Challenge report and the draft board report to the legislature.

The board will take public comment on agenda and non-agenda items starting at approximately 2:10 p.m. on December 7. Oral comment is limited to three minutes per person and five minutes per group. Public comment can be made for the meeting, during this time only, by calling 1-844-586-9085 if you are outside of Juneau or Anchorage. For participation from Juneau, call 586-9085. For participation from Anchorage, call 563-9085.

The meeting will be live-streamed [here](http://www.akl.tv/) (<http://www.akl.tv/>) by the Legislative Information Office (LIO) beginning at 2:00 p.m. on December 7 (audio only). Click on the meeting name to listen to the proceedings. When public comment is over, the meeting will continue to be broadcast at the above website.

Oral comment can also be made by visiting your local LIO. The following LIOs will participate: Anchorage, Barrow, Bethel, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Kotzebue, Mat-Su, Nome, Seward, and Sitka. For more information about LIOs, call 907-465-4648.

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